GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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TRIVANDRUM-GULF FLIGHT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce Jumbo Jet flight for Gulf sector on permanent basis particularly, Dubai;

(b) if so, whether the Government also propose to operate flight on Trivandrum-Jeddah sector in view of heavy traffic due to Haj pilgrimage;

(c) if so, whether any study has been conducted to operate flight on Trivandrum-New York sector also; and

(d) if so, the time by which the above flights are likely to become operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a): Air India is already operating 15 flights to Gulf with 747 aircraft out of which 3 flights are for Abu Dhabi/Dubai sector.
(b): During Haj pilgrimage, 20 flights will be operated from Kozhikode to Jeddah to cater to the Haj pilgrims. In addition, 11 flights will operate from Kochi to Jeddah to cater to the demand from other south Indian points.
(c)&(d): Air India operates 13 flights a week from India to USA. These flights originate from Mumbai. Feeder flights from various points of India such as Ahmedabad, Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram and Bangalore are operated to connect the outgoing and incoming from Mumbai and Delhi to USA.